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FOR EUR DEP ASST SECY LOWENSTEIN FROM STEARNS

1. DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT SENATOR PELL WILL BE VISITING GREECE AUGUST 17 TO 21. AS YOU SUGGEST, WE WILL PLAN JOINT BRIEFINGS FOR HIM WITH SENATOR EAGLETON BUT WILL ENDEAVOR TO SCHEDULE SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS. THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE IN MOST CASES ALTHOUGH CARAMANLIS AND BITSIOS MAY PREFER TO RECEIVE TWO SENATORS TOGETHER. WE ARE OF COURSE VERY PLEASED THAT SENATOR PELL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DINNER AT OUR HOUSE AUGUST 19 AND WILL PLAN ACCORDINGLY. YOU MAY WISH TO ADVISE HIM THAT GUEST LIST THUS FAR INCLUDES GEORGE MAVROS, HELEN VLACHOU, LEON KARAPANAYOTIS (EDITOR OF TO VIMA), AND WE WILL BE ADDING OTHER PERSONALITIES AS WE GO ALONG, DEPENDING ON WHO IS IN OR OUT OF ATHENS AT THAT TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, JOHN PESMAZOGLU IS GOING AWAY FOR THREE WEEKS AND THEREFORE WILL MISS SENATOR'S VISIT.

2. AFTER RECEIVING YOUR MESSAGE I TALKED WITH MIGLIARESSIS, THE HEAD OF MFA'S 3RD POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, WHO TOLD ME THAT

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THE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS ALREADY WORKING ON THE SENATOR'S

PROGRAM. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT WITH CARAMANLIS MUST HOWEVER AWAIT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RETURN FROM HELSINKI AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS ARE PENDING UNTIL DATE AND TIME OF MEETING WITH CARAMANLIS HAS BEEN FIXED. MIGLIARESSIS EXPECTS TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION BY MONDAY, AUGUST 4, AND WILL ASK GREEK AMBASSADOR IN PEKING TO CONVEY IT TO SENATOR PELL.

3. TIMING OF CARAMANLIS AND BITSIOS APPOINTMENTS WILL NATURALLY AFFECT PLANS FOR CYPRUS TRIP. I SEE NO REPEAT NO PROBLEM IN GOING TO CYPRUS AND RETURNING VIA COMMERCIAL AIR WITHIN 24 HOURS. BOTH OLYMPIC AND CYPRUS AIRWAYS ARE FLYING TO LARNACA ON DAILY OR TWICE DAILY BASIS. MIGLIARESSIS CONFIRMED THAT FOREIGN OFFICE WAS AWARE OF SENATOR'S DESIRE TO GO TO CYPRUS AND WILL HAVE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS EARLY NEXT WEEK. IF AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD HAS PREFERENCES OR SUGGESTIONS WE WILL CRANK THEM INTO THE PROGRAM.

4. IF, FOR ANY REASON, COMMERCIAL AIR SCHEDULES POSE PROBLEMS WE CAN OBTAIN CLEARANCES FOR TRAVEL BY MISSION AIRCRAFT, ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD BE SLOWER THAN COMMERCIAL TRAVEL AND FOR THIS REASON IS PROBABLY LESS DESIRABLE. YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO SENATOR ON POINTS HE MAY WISH TO EMPHASIZE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS LOOK FINE. SENATOR PELL IS KNOWN AND RESPECTED IN GREECE FOR HIS OPPOSITION TO THE JUNTA AND WHATEVER HE CHOOSES TO SAY TO THE GREEKS WILL CARRY SPECIAL WEIGHT. AS YOU KNOW, THE CLIMATE OF US-GREEK RELATIONS IS SLOWLY BUT STEADILY IMPROVING. THAT PROCESS WILL BE PROMOTED BY REAFFIRMING TO THE GREEKS VALUE WE ATTACH TO CLOSE AND HARMONIOUS RELATIONS AND THE ADMIRATION WE HAVE FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CARAMANLIS AND HIS COLLEAGUES DURING PAST YEAR. IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO STRESS THAT THIS IS A TWO-WAY STREET AND THAT FRIENDSHIP WITH THE US AND MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, WHICH HAVE SERVED GREECE SO WELL IN THE PAST ARE NO LESS IMPORTANT TO GREECE TODAY. OUR EFFORTS TO CREATE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES MUST BE MATCHED BY EFFORT ONTHEIR PART.

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